

**National Oncology Conference
BJCN-MORÉ 2023**

**Management of Esophageal
and Gastroesophageal Junction Carcinoma**

Tele-oncology and BJCN Cluster Interactions

9 – 12 November 2023

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

November 9, 2023, Thursday

16:00 – 16:15 Official opening

Annual Award *BJCN-MORÉ* – for contribution to Bulgarian clinical oncology

16:15 – 17:15 Symposium *BMS (Swixx BioPharma)*

17:20 – 18:20 Symposium *Merck*

18:25 – 19:45 *Varia*

18:25 – 18:45 *Amgen* Presentation

18:45 – 19:05 *Eli Lilly* Presentation

19:05 – 19:25 *Novartis* Presentation

19:25 – 19:45 *Johnson & Johnson* Presentation

20:00 Welcome dinner

November 10, 2023, Friday

08:00 – 10:50 FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Pretherapeutic and diagnostic issues in esophageal and gastroesophageal junction carcinoma (GJC)

Chairman: *Draga Toncheva*

08:00 – 08:15 Update on the GRADE approach: PICO(S&T), assessment of inconsistencies (I^2) and use of ICEMAN

Dimitar Kalev

08:20 – 08:40 Genetic architecture of esophageal carcinoma

Draga Toncheva

08:45 – 09:05 Liquid biopsy as a method of diagnosis, prognosis and prediction in esophageal carcinoma and GJC

Milka Georgieva

09:10 – 09:30 Value of screening endoscopy and target population in esophageal carcinoma and GJC: how early detection and prevention strategies can be improved
Petko Karagyozov, Zornica Gorcheva

09:35 – 09:55 Cellular and molecular drivers in Barrett's esophagus and adenocarcinoma
Svitlana Bachurska

10:00 – 10:20 Clinical significance of the microbiome in upper gastrointestinal carcinomas
Milka Georgieva, Marchela Koleva

10:25 – 10:45 Benefits, pitfalls, and artificial intelligence (AI) in hybrid imaging of esophageal carcinoma
E. Piperkova, Lidia Chavdarova, I. Kostadinova

10:50 – 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 – 13:40 SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Surgical strategies in esophageal and gastroesophageal junction carcinoma

Chairman: *Nikola Vladov*

11:10 – 11:30 Endoscopic control of early esophageal carcinoma and GJC – pitfalls and outcomes
Alexander Katzarov

11:35 – 11:55 Traditions and modifications in the *Ivor Lewis* esophagectomy technique
Nikolay Belev

12:00 – 12:20 *Ivor Lewis* steps in minimally invasive and robotic esophagectomy
Tsvetan Minchev

12:25 – 12:45 Transhiatal and left sided thoracoabdominal techniques for esophagectomy
Daniel Kostov

12:50 – 13:10 Protocols for three-field *McKeown* esophagectomy
Tsvetan Minchev

13:15 – 13:35 Liver metastases from esophageal carcinoma – is there a role for surgical resection
Radoslav Kostadinov, Cvetan Trichkov, Vasil Mihailov, Nikola Vladov

13:40 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:10 THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Problems of perioperative approaches in esophageal and gastroesophageal junction carcinoma

Chairman: *Vesela Ivanova*

14:30 – 14:50 Classification of pathologic response from neoadjuvant therapy in esophageal carcinoma and GJC
Ivan Ivanov

14:55 – 15:15 Imaging biomarkers in the treatment of esophageal carcinoma
Vesela Stoyanova, Nataliya Mladenova, Galina Kirova

15:20 – 15:40 Prediction of pCR and detection of residual disease in neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy for esophageal carcinoma

Vesela Ivanova

15:45 – 16:05 The unusual patient with ypT0N+ esophageal carcinoma – what's next

Nataliya Chilingirova

16:10 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Symposium *MSD*

17:35 – 18:40 DISCUSSION SESSION

Expert discussion *Pros/Cons*

Chairman: *Tatiana Hadjieva*

17:35 – 17:55 Management of T1b esophageal carcinoma: endoscopic resection versus esophagectomy

Petko Karagyozov vs. Nikolay Belev

17:55 – 18:15 Neoadjuvant therapy in esophageal adenocarcinoma and GJC: chemotherapy versus radiochemotherapy

Marchela Koleva vs. Tatiana Hadjieva

18:15 – 18:35 Treatment of locally advanced esophageal squamous cell carcinoma: definitive radiochemotherapy versus neoadjuvant radiochemotherapy followed by surgery

Kaloyan Yordanov vs. Kamen Nedev

18:40 – 19:40 Symposium *AstraZeneca*

20:00 Dinner

November 11, 2023, Saturday

08:00 – 10:05 FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Systemic, radiotherapy and palliative strategies in esophageal and gastroesophageal junction carcinoma

Chairman: *Margarita Genova*

08:00 – 08:20 Sensitivity of hematologic markers in patients receiving therapy for esophageal carcinoma

Margarita Genova, Gueorgui Balatzenco

08:25 – 08:45 Targets in systemic therapy in esophageal carcinoma and GJC

Radoslav Mangaldziev

08:50 – 09:10 Integration of immunotherapy across all lines of treatment in esophageal carcinoma and GJC – prediction with PD-L1, MSI, and TMB

Asya Konsoulova

09:15 – 09:35 Chemoradiation in oligometastatic disease from esophageal carcinoma

Tatiana Hadjieva, Marchela Koleva

09:40 – 10:00 Effect of early nutritional support on clinical outcomes in esophageal carcinoma
Nikolay Yordanov

10:05 – 10:25 Comprehensive genomic profiling

10:25 – 10:55 Coffee break

10:55 – 11:55 Symposium Pierre Fabre

12:00 – 13:00 Symposium Pfizer

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:40 Symposium Roche

14:45 – 15:40 FIRST BJCN JOINT SESSION

Integrative Oncology

Chairman: *Petko Zagorchev*

14:45 – 15:00 Possibilities of homeopathy in the integrative approach in oncological patients

Dr J-L Bagot

15:05 – 15:20 My experience in complementary treatment in cancer patients

Petko Zagorchev

15:25 – 15:40 Possibilities of homeopathy to support the cancer patient in the general practitioner's office

Ivan Enev

15:45 – 16:25 SECOND BJCN JOINT SESSION

Cluster interaction potentials in BJCN: multipliers, mutual benefits and ecosystem effects

Moderator: *Dimitar Kalev*

15:45 – 15:50 Welcome and introductions

15:50 – 16:05 Projects with the participation of BJCN - presentation with perspectives

Ivaylo Petrov

16:05 – 16:20 BJCN programs for continuing medical education in oncology and oncohematology

Margarita Genova

16:20 – 16:25 Discussion

16:25 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 – 19:45 THIRD BJCN JOINT SESSION

Mission 3.0. Tele-oncology in the social triangle – research, technologies, and policies

Part I: Keynote panel

Moderators: *Ivana Cattaneo*
European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
(EFPIA)
Ivaylo Petrov, BJCN

16:45 – 16:50 Welcome and introductions

16:50 – 17:05 TBC

Yasmin Fonseca

Agency for Clinical Research and Biomedical Innovation (AICIB), Portugal

17:05 – 17:20 TBC

Dr Marius Geantă, Bianca Cucos

Centre for Innovation in Medicine (InoMed), Romania

17:20 – 17:35 TBC

Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) [TBC]

17:35 – 17:50 TBC

Tugce Schmitt, Katharina Habimana

Strengthening eHealth for Cancer Prevention and Care (eCAN Joint Action)

17:50 – 18:05 Digital solutions for monitoring patient symptoms and adverse drug events

Prof. Galina Velikova

University of Leeds, UK

18:05 – 18:10 Concluding remarks

Part II: Discussion panel

Moderators: *Alexander Simidchiev*

Dimitar Kalev

18:10 – 18:15 Welcome and introductions

18:15 – 19:40 Action-oriented discussion

With representatives from: Ministry of Health, Parliamentary Health Commission, Municipality of Varna, Bulgarian Cluster for Digital Solutions and Innovations in Health Care, National Patient Organization, *Junior Achievement Bulgaria*, Law Office *Murgova and Partners*, USBALO, BJCN

19:40 – 19:45 Concluding remarks

20:00 Dinner

November 12, 2023, Sunday

08:30 – 10:00 **FOURTH BJCN JOINT SESSION**

Health technologies panorama in Bulgarian oncology

Moderator: *Ivan Lekushev*

10:00 – 12:00 **JOINT BJCN ROUND TABLE**

Cluster interaction in BJCN – capacity building

Moderator: *Dimitar Kalev*

With the participation of representatives from all organizations that are members of BJCN

12:00 – 12.15 Official closing

12:15 Lunch